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February 06, 2017

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA §
§
VS. § MAG. JUDGE NO. 2:17-MJ-97
§
RAFAEL MANUEL ZUNIGA-ESTRADA §

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

A detention hearing has been held in accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f). Detention of the defendant pending trial in this case is necessary because there is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.

The evidence against the defendant meets the probable cause standard and the weight of the evidence is strong. Further, the defendant is a citizen of Mexico and he does not have status to reside lawfully in the United States. Additionally, the defendant was arrested smuggling \$408,890.00 in United States currency destined for Mexico and there is evidence the currency was the proceeds of illegal drug trafficking. The defendant is a poor candidate for pretrial release. The findings and conclusions contained in the Pretrial Services Report are adopted.

The defendant is committed to the custody of the United States Marshal or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an

attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

ORDERED this 6th day of February, 2017.

Jason B. Libby
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United States Magistrate Judge